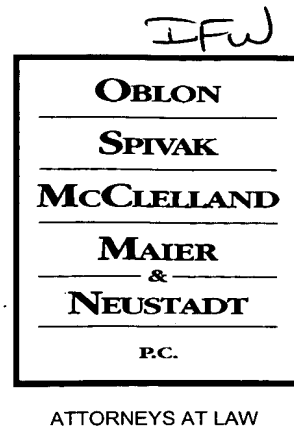




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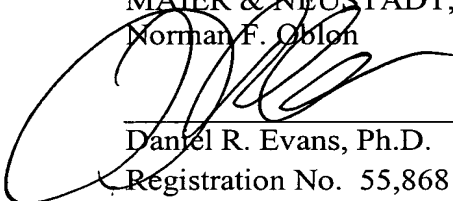
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Responsive to Official Action dated March 21, 2006, Applicants elect with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-4, 6-10, 26 and 27, drawn to membrane and a method of using the membrane. In addition as a single species, Applicants elect a membrane as obtained by treating a nonwoven having a porosity of more than 50% and a thickness of 30 $\mu$ m as described in Example 7, with traverse.